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Amendments to the Claims:

New claim 16 has been added. Thus, claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Amendments to the claims are made without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for auditing forms, the method comprising:

issuing a request to provide a form identifier that is associated with a form;

receiving the identifier at a host computer; and

verifying with the host computer whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the form being used.

2.   (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the request is issued from a terminal having a processor that is in communication with the host computer, and further comprising logging an error if the identifier is not valid.

3.   (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the request is sent from the host computer to the terminal.

4   (Original) A method as in claim 1, where the request is issued from a customer service operator over a phone.

5.   (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the identifier is received at the host computer from the terminal.

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6.   (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the host computer includes an associated database, and wherein the identifier is verified by comparing the identifier with a list of valid identifiers in the database.

7.   (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising determining whether an appropriate form has already been ordered.

8.   (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein if an appropriate form has not been ordered, placing an order for an appropriate form.

9.   (Original) A method as in claim 8, further comprising evaluating whether the ordered form is received by a user.

10.   (Original) A method as in claim 9, further comprising transmitting an identifier for a replacement form to the host computer.

11.   (Original) A forms auditing system, comprising:

a host computer; and

a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid identifier for each of the forms;

wherein the host computer is configured to receive an identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the audited form by comparing the identifier with the identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.

12.   (Original) A system as in claim 11, further comprising a terminal having a processor, wherein the terminal is configured to receive the identifier of the form being audited and to electronically send the identifier to the host computer.

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13.   (Original) A system as in claim 12, wherein the terminal is configured to produce an audit screen having a region for inputting the identifier.

14.   (Original) A system as in claim 13, wherein the terminal is configured to produce the audit screen based on information sent to the terminal from the host computer.

15.   (Original) A system as in claim 11, wherein the host computer is configured to generate in error report if the identifier of the form being audited is not valid.

16.   (New) A forms auditing system, comprising:

a form identifier that is associated with a form;

a host computer; and

a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid form identifier for each of the forms;

wherein the host computer is configured to receive the form identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the form identifier is a valid form identifier for the form to be audited by comparing the form identifier with the valid form identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.